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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Robert T. Mallet et al.
Serial No.: 10/032,728
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Examiner: Vera Afremova
Group Art Unit: 1651
Title: PYRUVATE CARDIOPLEGIA SOLUTIONS FOR
ADMINISTRATION TO THE HEART DURING
CARDIOPULMONARY SURGERY AND METHODS
OF USE THEREOF

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Office Action mailed January 30, 2002, Applicants hereby elect without traverse to prosecute Group II (Claims 7-17), which the Examiner defined as claims "drawn to a method for performing cardiopulmonary bypass surgery by administering a composition with pyruvate." Claims 1-6 and 18 are withdrawn from the above-identified

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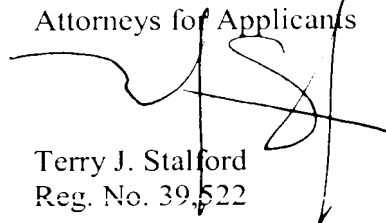
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Applicants believe that no fee is due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

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